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March SAREX CAP Tie-Down Area - KBUY



Safety Briefing: C/Capt Kyle Zobel, Maj Rob Mason  
Lt Col John Maxfield

## FINAL SALUTE...Lt. Col. Virgil E. Bratton age 87 passed away 3-8-2010

Col. Virgil E. Bratton Jr. , Civil Air Patrol (Ret.) died Monday, March 8, 2010 at Rockingham Manor. A memorial service in celebration of his life will be at Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1916 Park Ave., Rockingham on Saturday, March 13, at 2:30 p.m. The family will receive friends at the church following the service. Born on July 19, 1922 in Licking County, OH, to Virgil E. Bratton, Sr. and Mary Eva Bratton, Virgil moved to Richmond County after he married Pearl McDonald in 1942. He helped build Camp MacKall Air Base then went into the Army. He was a member of 94th Infantry Division in WWII and received the Purple Heart. He worked as an auto mechanic and later headed the MDTA/CETA vocational training program of Richmond Community College.

He was past county Civil Defense Director. He was a founding member of the (1958) Rockingham-Hamlet Civil Air Patrol squadron (Lt. Colonel and past Squadron Commander, past NC Group Commander, 50 total years CAP member ), Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, and the Richmond County Purple Heart Chapter.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Pearl McDonald Bratton, and three children, Ginny Moore and husband Jimmie Moore, Linda Hensley and husband Joe Hensley, and Bob Bratton and wife JoAnn Bratton; his grandchildren, Pam Wildes and husband Alan Wildes, Kamara Carpenter and husband, Scott Carpenter, Joe Hensley, Jr. and wife Sarah White, Sam Hensley and wife Erin Hensley, Ashley Bratton and husband Jason Atwell, and Andy Bratton; his great-grandchildren, Jackson Wildes, Anabelle Wildes, Haley Carpenter, Alex Carpenter, Lucy Hensley, and Stella Hensley. He is also survived by a sister, Vivian Levine of West Palm Beach, FL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1912 Crescent Drive, Rockingham, NC 28379. Submitted by Col. Roy Douglass



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# CAP Competes Successful Training Mission

## Advanced Digital Technology Provides On-Scene Disaster Reports

**March 20, 2010**

**Burlington, NC** – 161 CAP volunteers filled vital rolls as the NC Wing conducted a statewide Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX). Incident Commander, Maj. Rob Mason said that the Air Force observed SAREX was successful in completing its assigned missions in a safe and efficient manner.

“Today we had 11 aircraft flown by 15 highly trained pilots, assisted by 30 aircrew members, having completed 30 sorties and approximately 60 hours of flying time. 52 ground team members spent most of the day completing their five sorties in the field,” Mason said. Supporting the air and ground teams was a staff of 64 mission base staff including communications, safety, operations, and flightline marshaling.

“Without a doubt, this was one of the best staffed, best populated and best equipped exercises in recent history,” said Maj. Andy Wiggs, assistant incident commander. “Everything worked in our favor today—all 10 wing aircraft were assigned missions and the weather cooperated throughout the day,” he said.

The mission today included aerial digital photographs of key infrastructure and coastal areas. CAP’s newly implemented narrow band statewide VHF radio system got its first real workout since the conversion from wide-band a few months ago. Mission base operations teams had use of the Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B), which uses signals from transponder-equipped aircraft operating in NC airspace. At any given time all airborne aircraft are indicated by icons on a large screen TV. This technology is still in the testing stage but is hoped to eventually replace the aging radar systems currently in use by The FAA’s Air traffic Control system. The NC Wing has access to ADS-B through NC DOT’s Aviation Division. In addition to ADS-B, the Gippsland GA-8 Airvan served as a flying platform for the ARCHER Hyperspectral Imaging System.

Mission safety officer, Lt. Col. John Maxfield remarked that the NC Wing’s use of its Operational Risk Management System and its safety culture resulted in an accident-free exercise.

Members of the Air Force inspection team debriefed the wing members after the last aircraft returned from its mission. Maj. Jeff Moore said that overall, the day was a great success. “Although there were a few weaknesses, I have nothing negative to bring up,” he said.

USAF Team leader, Col. Kevin Hubbard commended the work done by all. “It was a huge effort that went so very well.”

Incident Commander, Maj. Rob Mason, added his thanks for a safely run exercise and excellent performance.

Preliminary photos posted at: <http://picasaweb.google.com/nccapphotos/2010SAREX#>



ARCHER operator, Maj Dion Viventi at console in Gippsland GA-8 aircraft



# Johnston Co. Ground Team Training Program



Ground Team Training Graduation: Cadets Kneeling, Staff/Trainers Standing

This year's Johnston County Squadron Ground Team School exceeded the accomplishments and quality of previous schools. Maj. Brian Buczkowski, Maj. Andy Wiggs and a host of talented and dedicated cadets and senior members provided thorough and enthusiastic training in ground team tasks. I recommend this school to all members. It is possible to complete 90% of the tasks for GTM3 SQTR in one weekend...if you are up to the challenge of an 18 hour day, cold/wet/icy/windy weather, sleeping on the ground, MREs for breakfast, lunch, dinner, trench latrines, and no showers.

To sum it up, we had a blast!

Cordially,

Maj M A Fleagle

Cunningham Field Composite Sqdn NC-160 Andrews, Jordan – C/CMSgt – 448586 – NC022

## Basic Ground Team Instructors

Baughman, Zach – C/Maj – 417838 – NC022  
Bohler, Pete – Capt – 390443 – NC048  
Brittain, Charles – C/CMSgt – 431259 – NC170  
Buczkowski, Brian – Maj – 105654 – NC143  
Buslinger, David – Maj – 368412 – NC022  
Buslinger, Will – C/Maj – 396040 – NC022  
Connelly, Travis – C/CMSgt – 368207 – NC023  
Crawford, Jordan – C/SMSgt – 434704 – NC022  
Feinstein, Barry – C/Col – 367435 – NC082  
Fleagle, Mary – Maj – 292257 – NC160  
Hoffer, Noah – C/2Lt – 368438 – NC023  
Horner, Cameron – C/CMSgt – 448587 – NC022  
Isbell, Stacy – Capt – 421836 – NC805  
Morgan, Toby – C/CMSgt – 446402 – NC022  
Newlin, Marvin – C/SMSgt – 455237 – NC022  
North, Alesha – C/MSgt – 434501 – NC022  
North, Christina – C/2Lt – 434502 – NC022  
North, Perry – 1Lt – 447971 – NC022  
Pendergraph, Jon – C/TSgt – 453377 – NC022  
Porterfield, Austin – CSSgt – 455238 – NC022  
Scott, Garrett – C/Capt – 404624 – NC143  
Simmons, Jerry – Capt – 271335 – NC143  
Troedsson, Dillion – C/CMSgt – 434518 – NC022  
Wiggs, Jonathan – Maj – 113872 – NC022

## Basic Ground Team Students

Alexander, Wesley – C/1Lt – 406428 – NC024  
Bartolo, Nicholas – C/SrAmn – 456837 – NC007  
Bartolo, Petrav – 2Lt – 462555 – NC007  
Bernal, Maurico – C/Amn – 469066 – NC022  
Brittain, Charles – SM – 466144 – NC170  
Brittain, Chesnee – C/Amn – 462053 – NC170  
Cooke, Canyon – C/SrAmn – 461725 – NC170  
Cooke, Ridge – C/A1C – 461726 – NC170  
Dalton, Marylene – 2Lt – 456373 – NC022  
Dixon, Eryn – C/A1C – 463160 – NC160  
Huneycutt, Taylor – C/2Lt – 415821 – NC048  
Jones, Ty – C/A1C – 466184 – NC007  
Jordan, Joshua – C/Amn – 465206 – NC022  
Knox, Hannah – C/A1C – 469068 – NC022  
Knox, Jacob – C/A1C – 469069 – NC022  
Morton, Joshua – C/SrAmn – 467445 – NC160  
North, Mariah – C/Amn – 474030 – NC022  
Otto, Daniel – C/CMsgt – 452722 – NC082  
Peterson, David – C/SrAmn – 461797 – NC022  
Roberts, Tyrone – C/Tsgt – 429536 – NC170  
Schaak, Aaron – 2Lt – 259549 – NC007  
Wallace, William B. – SM – 469656 – NC019

# WINSTON\_SALEM COMPOSITE SQUADRON NC082

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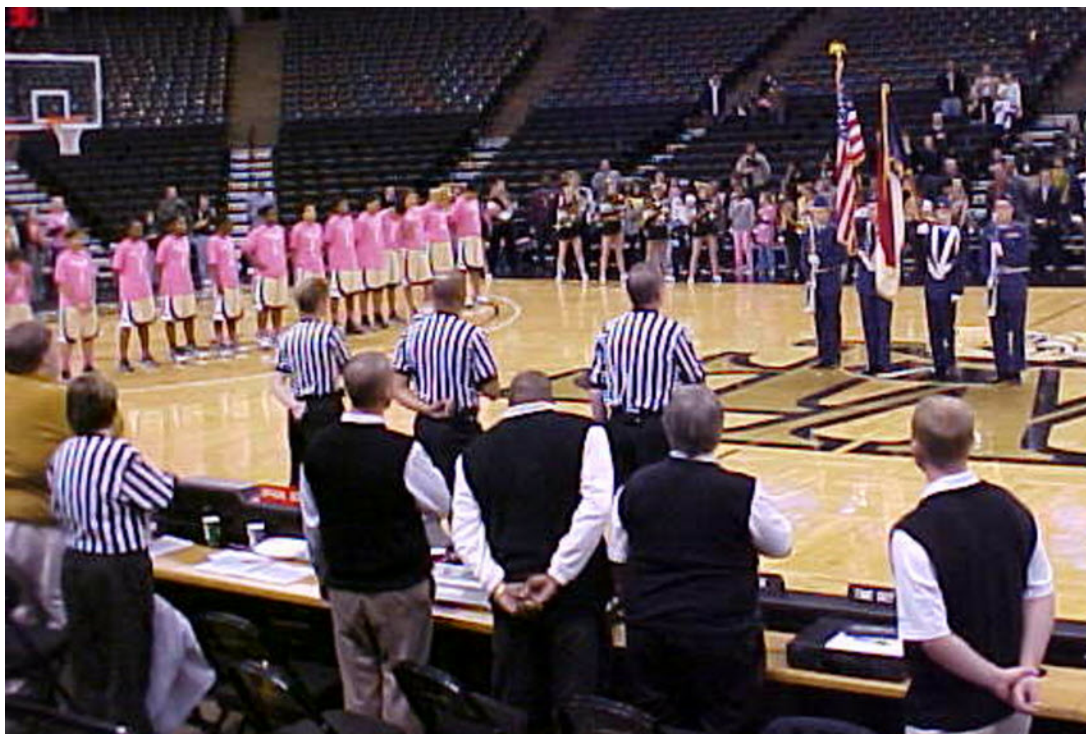
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*C/SMSgt Daniel Otto Cadet Deputy Public Affairs Officer NC082*

*Photos by SM Gene Clodfelter NC082 Public Affairs Officer*





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Photos by SM Gene Clodfelter NC082 Public Affairs Officer



# NC082 Color Guard At The Wake Forest vs North Carolina Central university Women's Basketball Game

The second game SM Clodfelter lined up for the Cadet Color Guard was eleven days later. The Winston Salem Composite Squadron Color Guard presented the colors at the Wake Forest Game on Feb 22nd. This one was at the Wake Forest Women's game with North Carolina Central University of the MEAC conference. This game was also played at the Lawrence Joel Veterans' Memorial Coliseum.

Cadets C/Amn Chris Cornelius, C/TSgt Jared Mohler, C/SrA Chris Shoffner, and C/A1C Obediah Fire comprised this Color Guard Team. This was our regular Color Guard Team as one of them came down with Food poisoning and had to be replaced at the last minute for the Maryland game The Color Guard performed well, and stayed to enjoy the rest of the game. There were several of the cadet's families able to attend this game.

This time the 15-11 Deacons were red hot at the start of the game and led 16-0 before the Eagles ever scored. Wake had improved considerably from the foul line from the last game where they really suffered. The half time score was Wake Forest 42 and North Carolina Central 31. The eleven-point spread at half time was as close as the Eagles ever came. Even with freshman guard Joana Miller's game high 29 points, the Eagles were just not able to overcome the Deacon's 16 point lead at the games start. At half time The "Winston-Salem Bond", last years AAU state champions girls team, split their team and played a short, but entertaining game. The second half was hard fought by both teams and the final score was Wake 76 and North Carolina Central 63.

Wake Forest appreciated the good job the Color Guard Team presented. We hope that we have created a bond with the Wake Forest Athletic Department and will be able to participate in other sports events as well. The Winston-Salem Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol wishes to thank Ike Fullar of the Wake Forest Athletic Department giving our Color Guard Team the opportunity to take part in these games. It was an opportunity for the community and Wake Forest to see and learn something of our squadron. Recognition of our existence and mission is an important part of this effort. The Color Guard Team works hard and the entire squadron is proud of the job that they do.

Article & Photos by SM Gene Clodfelter Public Affairs Officer NC082



# U.S. Coast Guard Waterway Watch Program

The following applies to all CAP pilots, ground teams, general membership.

As some of you know I have been in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for over 10 years now. In addition to my regular flotilla functions as a vessel examiner, recreational boating outlet visitor, communications and patrol vessel boat crew member I have been assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 5th District Southern Region HQ as the Civil Air Patrol Liaison. Since we are about to embark on another busy flying season and boating season, I wanted to make you aware of the U.S. Coast Guard 'Waterway Watch Program'. This is very similar to the well known 'Neighborhood Watch Program' but covers all waterways especially around dams, locks, bridges, commercial waterway systems, industrial facilities near waterways, etc.. Many of you will be flying 'CAP Sundown Patrols' over waterways, participating in missions near waterways - both air & ground teams or just doing some recreational driving near waterways or boating.

I ask that while you are participating in any type activity near or on our nations waterways that you remain alert to any suspicious activity which local, state or federal law enforcement may wish to know about. Below are some of the things to look out for:

- \* People appearing to be engaged in surveillance of any kind - note taking, shooting video/photos or asking unusual questions.
- \* People near critical facilities who do not fit the surrounding environment such as individuals wearing improper attire.
- \* Recovering or tossing items into/onto the waterway or shoreline.
- \* Unattended vessels or vehicles in unusual locations.
- \* Lights flashing between boats.
- \* Unusual driving activity.
- \* Unusual number of people onboard a boat.
- \* Unusual night boating operations.
- \* Anchoring in an area not typically used for anchorage.
- \* People showing unusual interest in security measures, entry points or access controls.
- \* Small planes flying over critical marine areas.

Of course these were only a few of the signs/activities to look for which may cause suspicion.

For more information contact the U.S. Coast Guard website at: [AmericasWaterwayWatch.org](http://AmericasWaterwayWatch.org) ; the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org) ; the U.S. Coast Guard at [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org) .

If you observe any suspicious activity, notify your local law enforcement.

You can always reach me for additional information at [tonybiondo@msn.com](mailto:tonybiondo@msn.com)

Thanks,

Lt Col anthony Biondo Jr  
Director Public Affairs  
MER HQ

Civil Air Patrol Liaison  
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 5th District Southern Region HQ



28 February 2010

Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan



Dear Cadets and Seniors,

Spring has finally arrived here in Afghanistan. While the snow line still caps the imposing Hindu Kush mountains, in the valleys below trees are now showing their garments of green and purple leaves, Poppy flowers are growing in the fields and along road sides, and the birds are heard once more in the hours before sun rise. These images are a reminder that a new day is dawning in the nation of Afghanistan as does the celebration of the Afghan New Year of Nowruz.

In Pashto the word Nowruz means “new day.” The holiday begins precisely with the beginning of spring on the vernal equinox on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Farvardin, which in the Old Persian solar calendar is usually on March 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>. Nowruz is a public holiday celebrated across the Asia Minor in Iran, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Kashmir, and Kyrgyzstan. The holiday has also crossed over to the world, along with immigrants from many in this region and is now on the national calendar in Canada. While this holiday may seem quaint to some, it was banned during the reign of the Taliban, but is now as popular as ever following the liberation in 2001

Nowruz in this Afghan year of 1389 also marks another Spring mile stone, the beginning of the “surge” of Coalition Forces this coming summer. As I write, the President of the United States, in consultation with the President of Afghanistan, is preparing to send additional Coalition Forces to Afghanistan. While the United States and 42 other nations may increase the military presence, they have also increased their civilian effort to help the government strengthen its ability to lead, especially in Afghanistan’s once-thriving agricultural sector. The civilians come from a number of agencies like the Department of Agriculture, Department of State, and The U.S. Agency for International Development.



And the Coalition is also supporting Afghan leaders with the delicate, difficult work of reintegrating into society members of the Taliban – but only those who renounce violence, lay down their weapons, and sincerely want to help build their nation’s democratic future. But none of this can – or will – be imposed from the outside. It will emerge from Afghans themselves. And as Afghanistan strives to build and strengthen a government that reflects the will of the Afghan people, grounded in their own traditions, they can count on the United States and other nations to be their partners. A strong relationship between democratic nations and Afghanistan is a hallmark of what is essential to global security, prosperity, and peace.

For more than 30 years the people of Afghanistan has been torn apart by war and strife. But during Nowruz the world is reminded of the common humanity that binds us together. Indeed, let us remember the words that were written by the poet Saadi, so many years ago: “The children of Adam are limbs to each other, having been created of one essence.”

Live from Afghanistan,

Jayson

Jayson A. Altieri  
Lieutenant Colonel, US ArmyCJTF 82

# Congratulations to Asheville and Apex Cadets

If you were not there you missed a great weekend. An awesome group of cadets came together to strut their stuff and what an great show they put on. Thanks to all those who worked so hard to get there, to make sure their cadets got there, and to those on-site to get the job done. As usual the Justice Academy West was an outstanding site for the event, and Mr Bedsole and his kitchen crew were marvelous.

Teams from Apex Cadet Squadron, Asheville Composite, Burlington Composite and Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadrons sent teams to the competition.

It is with great pleasure that the NC Wing sends The Color Guard from Apex Composite Squadron on to MER Cadet Competition as the 2010 NC Wing Color Guard, and the Drill Team from the Asheville Comp Squadron on the MER as the 2010 NC Wing Drill Team

Congratulations to all the cadets on the team and to their coaches for all their hard work and looking to hear great things coming from MER.

Again a job well done by all who participated. Mark you calendar now and start getting your team ready for next year. We are already planing for the 2011 comp for the last week of February in Salemsburg.

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ALBERT R. THERRIAULT, Lt Col, CAP  
Director of Cadet Programs  
North Carolina Wing

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I want to thank all the cadets from the North Carolina Wing Color Guard and Drill Teams for all their hard work and long hours of practice to represent North Carolina Wing so well. I also want to thank the officers who provided the support for both teams to succeed the way that they have.

I want to congratulate the North Carolina Wing Drill Team for taking first place at the Middle East Region competition over the weekend in Virginia. Represent our region well in June at the National competition in McMinneville, Oregon as the Middle East Region Drill Team.

I also want to congratulate the North Carolina Wing Color Guard for taking second place in the Middle East Region competition.

William M. Ryan, Maj, CAP  
Director of Cadet Programs  
MER-NC-001

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I want to add my congratulations to the Asheville Composite Squadron Drill Team and the Apex Cadet Squadron Color Guard for their outstanding performance at this past weekend's MER Cadet Competition.

I also want to add my thanks to all the senior members that put in countless hours helping these cadets achieve this level of success. Without your dedication to the Cadet Program this level of success would not be possible. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
Allen M. Johnson, Lt Col, USAF, Ret  
State Director, GS-12, USAF  
CAP-USAF Liaison Office, NC

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Just wanted to give my HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS to our North Carolina Wing Cadet Competition Teams:  
Asheville Composite Squadron Drill Team – 2nd Place MER (DE 1st)  
Apex Cadet Squadron Color Guard – 1st Place MER (MD 2nd)

This is the first MER Cadet Competition I have missed in 6 years—I was very disappointed I could not be there to cheer them on. Despite that, they have done us all proud. I personally know that each of our North Carolina Wing Cadet Competition Teams has spend 100s of hours preparing for this day. They gave it their all and we are proud of each of their accomplishments!

I send my utmost respect and kudos to each team member and their senior member Coaches! Thank you for representing North Carolina Wing!

Congratulations to each and every one of you for your dedication to the Cadet Program and the demanding standards expected of such Cadet Competition Teams! Well done!

Dominic Strug, Lt Col, CAP  
DO, Apex Cadet Squadron

# Carolina WingTips

## Maj. William T. Graham

I wanted to take this moment to recognize a truly amazing achievement by one of our own. On 28 February 2010, Major William T. Graham of Fayetteville Composite Squadron reached 40 years of continuous service to Civil Air Patrol (joined on 28 Feb 1970). This is a monumental achievement that is rarely seen in our great organization. He is a true patriot and a model of excellence in our community.

It is difficult to grasp the true scope of Maj Graham's commitment to CAP, so here are a few facts to bring it into focus.

- President Richard Nixon was in office. Maj Graham has served under 8 U.S. Presidents
- He has served under 16 CAP National Commanders. Joined under Brig Gen Ellis (CAP was still commanded by active duty USAF officers)
- Only 101 Spaatz Awards had been earned when he joined
- The Concorde made its first supersonic flight in 1970
- Apollo 13 launched on its failed moon mission in April 1970
- The U.S. was still involved in the Vietnam conflict
- The Beatles were still together
- The voting Age in the U.S. was 21 years old
- The New York Marathon does not yet exist
- The wreck of the HMS Titanic will not be found for another 15 years

Absolutely amazing. Congratulations to Major Graham. Thank you for your service.

David Siemiet, Lt Col, CAP  
Commander, MER-NC-007

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## CLC Training at Elizabeth City

Its time once again to hold the spring CLC (Corporate Learning Course). This class is being hosted by the Elizabeth City Composite Squadron located in Elizabeth City, Nc. on 24-25 April 2010. All persons wishing to attend this training should send a completed CAPF17 to Captain Stacy Isbell (course Director) at capnc805sar@hotmail.com. Also, any members wishing to instruct at this event should email a completed CAPF17 with proof of having previously taken a CLC and a Train the Trainer course if applicable. The course cost for students will be \$10 and is payable on arrival. Any person needing a place to stay while taking this class is more than welcome to stay at our home in Elizabeth City. Thank you in advance for your interest.

William Isbell, Major, CAP  
Squadron Commander  
MER-NC-805

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### HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE !

All I need to know I learned from the Easter Bunny!  
Don't put all your eggs in one basket.  
Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.  
There's no such thing as too much candy.  
All work and no play can make you a basket case.  
A cute tail attracts a lot of attention.  
Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.  
Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.  
Some body parts should be floppy.  
Keep your paws off of other people's jelly beans.  
Good things come in small, sugar coated packages.  
The grass is always greener in someone else's basket.  
To show your true colors, you have to come out of the shell.  
The best things in life are still sweet and gooey.  
May the joy of the season fill your heart.  
Happy Easter!

Submitted by Col. Roy Douglass



# Orange County Composite Squadron Visits Morehead Planetarium

By: Major Sankey Blanton, NC 150

The skies were clear, the moon was bright and Mars was hanging in the sky on Friday, 26th February around 7 PM, as the Cadets from the Orange County Composite Squadron, NC-150, climbed into the dome of the Morehead Observatory to sight through the optics of the 24-inch reflecting telescope. Initially the scope was fixed on the star nursery in the nebula of Orion's belt. The full moon was too bright to observe comfortably through the main telescope, so the lower limb, which silhouetted craters and mountains, was focused into view. Mars, unfortunately, had a planetary dust storm in progress and just looked reddish and fuzzy.

After an excellent viewing session in the dome, the Squadron went downstairs to learn about the six telescope remote operation that UNC-CH has built, with off-the-shelf components, and set up on a mountain top in Chile. Cadets were able to both hear and see the remote operation on special telescopes designed to gather information from gamma ray burst from the edge of time – and the universe. The beauty of the design is that these are very cost-effective, rapidly programmable and steerable units which can gather information from distant supernova explosion and black holes almost as soon as satellites detect a gamma ray burst anywhere.

During the school year, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Physics and Astronomy offers a ninety-minute astronomy presentation to members of the public. The program is held on Friday evenings at the Morehead Observatory and is hosted by an astronomy faculty member or graduate student. When weather permits, visitors can observe the moon, planets, star clusters and nebulae directly through the telescope as well as obtain images with an electronic CCD camera. In the case of inclement weather, a short tour, talk and presentation of past images taken with the telescope will be given.

Pictured in the photograph are (from left to right) C/Airman 1st Class Broadway, C/2d Lt Harford, C/Chief Master Sergeant Riley, C/Chief Master Sergeant Huss, C/Airman Terrell & UNC's Dr Aaron LaCluyze who provided the guided tour that evening. For more information on this great Aerospace Education opportunity: <http://www.moreheadplanetarium.org/>

Photo: Major Sankey Blanton, NC 150



# Middle East Region SAR College 2010 Course List

With the exception of the CISM Courses, which can both be selected, no more than 1 course can be selected due to the number of contact hours required in each area

- \* G1000 SAR Functions

The course is primarily aimed at Mission Pilots already qualified in the G1000. It will focus on the G1000 with the SAR as well as the G1000 w/o the SAR. The goal is to give as much information to the Pilots to take back and train the Observers/Scanners.

- \* Search Management Course

- \* ARCHERTrac Course (Screening Required)

This course is designed to train computer savvy members in the operation on the Archer Trac system. Members who successfully complete the training will meet the minimum standards to participate as an Archer Trac Technician on board an ARCHER Aircrew. This course is limited to 8 members; priority will be given to those members who have ready access to one of the MER GA8 aircraft.

- \* Mission Scanner Course

This course will take members who meet the Pre-Req for Mission Scanner and take them through the Fam/Prep for Mission Scanner. Students in this course may receive one (1) flight towards their qualification during MER SAR. Additional flights may occur depending on aircraft/sortie availability.

- \* Flight Line Marshalling/Supervisor Course

Members interested in training as a FLM will receive training both in classroom and on the flight line in the proper procedures of operating on a flight line. Members will be the primary operators directing over 25 aircraft on multiple sorties a day during MER SAR 2010. Members already qualified as a FLM may also pursue FLS training during this exercise.

- \* Mission Pilot

This course will take members who meet the Pre-Req for Mission Pilot and take them through the Fam/Prep for Mission Pilot. Students in this course may receive one (1) flight towards their qualification during MER SAR. Additional flights may occur depending on aircraft/sortie availability. For this track members must have proof of current form 5 and verification of the Pre-Req's.

- \* Mission Pilot - Advanced

This course is a field exercise to give CURRENT mission pilots a chance to work on their skills as a Mission Pilot. Pilots will be paired up with other pilots and will be given sorties ranging from ELT's, visual searches, and Homeland Security related tasks. Pilots from this group may also be tasked to assist with the training of the students from the Mission Pilot class on Saturday afternoon and/or Sun morning.

- \* Ground Team Leader

- \* Ground Team Member

The focus of this course is operational tasks for GTM3. Basic principals of direction finding, land navigation, GTM 24 hour gear and search techniques.

- \* ICS 300 (16+ Contact Hours)

- \* ICS 400 (16+ Contact Hours)

- \* CISM Suicide Intervention and Prevention (Additional fee, Friday-Sunday)

- \* CISM Basic (Individual/Peer and Group) 3 days (Additional fee, Tuesday-Friday)

- \* Mission Observer Course

This course will take members who meet the Pre-Req for Mission Observer and take them through the Fam/Prep for Mission Observer. Students in this course may receive one (1) flight towards their qualification during MER SAR. Additional flights may occur depending on aircraft/sortie availability.

Prerequisite: Must be fully qualified as Mission Scanner



# Crews participate in crash simulation

By Josh Humphries

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Local fire-rescue personnel participated in a simulated response to a plane crash at the Pitt-Greenville Airport on Monday evening.

The airport conducts a simulated crash drill at least every three years per Federal Aviation Administration rules in conjunction with local law enforcement and fire-rescue squads.

“It is a well-known plan, and we execute it well,” Jerry Vickers, executive director of the Pitt-Greenville Airport, said. “We have a plan with local agencies to have the opportunity to work with local agencies to respond to a plane crash at the airport.”

Officials lit large haystacks to simulate a fuselage fire, and cadets from the Tar River Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, based in Rocky Mount, portrayed victims of the crash.

Rescue workers conducted triage on the victims to determine the extent of their injuries, transported them to a medical station at the site and ultimately Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Meanwhile, firefighters worked to put out the fires.

The simulation was for a regional jet on a return flight from Charlotte that had landing gear issues which caused the plane to slide down the runway spreading fuel over part of the airfield.

Vickers said the airport has never had a crash of a commercial airplane, but the practice is important for many reasons. He said it is important for the county’s emergency personnel to work with airport rescue workers to be familiar with each other and the emergency plan.

“The last thing you want to have in a real event is people showing up and meeting for the first time,” Vickers said. “This is something we work hard to train for and hope we never have to use in real life.”

The exercise took about three hours as emergency personnel from as far away as Grifton responded to the airport for the exercise, firefighters put out the fires and victims were transported to the hospital.

The cadets from the Civil Air Patrol, ages ranging from 12-17, volunteered as they prepare for certification as emergency service ground team members who may be tasked with ground search and rescue, disaster response, or support missions by the Air Force.

1st Lt. Dave Nelson, of the Civil Air Patrol said plans are under way to start a squadron in the Greenville area.

“The organization is currently measuring interest in the area,” Nelson said. “Pitt County lies in the most underserved portion of the state.”

The Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 58,000 members nationwide.

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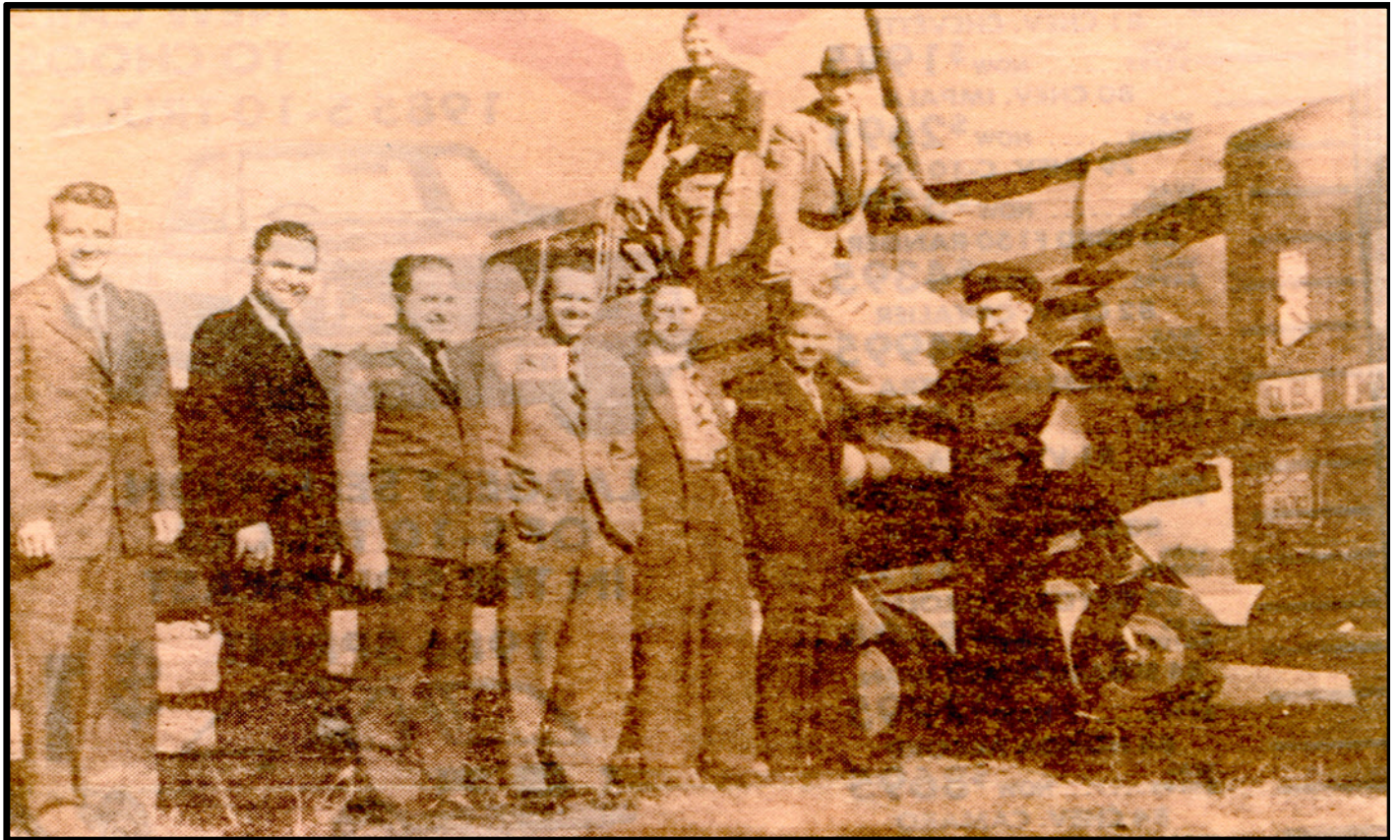
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Tar River Comp. Squadron







On October 27th, 1946, Civil Air Patrol pilot and local squadron commander Captain C.O. Boone (pictured standing in airplane cockpit) flew North Carolina's first air mail delivery from Fayetteville to Charlotte. This joint venture between the U.S. Postal Service and the Civil Air Patrol was in connection with National Air Mail Week from Oct. 27 through Nov. 2, 1946. Pictured from left: W.S. Law, Fayetteville Airport Manager; F. Shelby Cullom, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Wilbur Clark, Fayetteville mayor pro-tem; Bevo Howard, owner of Hawthorne Flying Service; Hoyle P. Beam, post office inspector; W. Gregg Sutton, superintendant of mail; Clifford Overby, mail clerk (lifting mail bag); W.S. Shaw, postmaster (receiving mail bag); Capt. C.O. Boone, pilot and Civil Air Patrol commander (standing in airplane cockpit).

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# NCWG CISM Team Participated in Mar 19-21 SAREX

During the USAF-guided SAREX at NCWG Headquarters, Chaplain (Capt) Laura Johnson, NC Wing Critical Incident Stress Officer, and Lt. Col. John Donahue, CIS team member, interacted with CAP members to assess stress.

With Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), CAP provides an important service to all members who might be involved in traumatic recovery operations or experience another traumatic event or unhealthy levels of stress while training.

Unique stressors exist for those who choose to assist others, especially in emergency events. Therefore, the CISM team monitors stress during a mission and is ready to apply “psychological first aid” during a crisis.

CISM represents a "continuum of care" that addresses various components of emergency response from a psychological perspective – from mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Intervention methods vary depending upon the number of people affected and the amount of time elapsed between the stressing event and CISM team involvement. One-on-one interventions are always available to CAP members.

CISM team members receive certified training by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) and provide care to members by applying the latest theories and research about psychological stress and crisis intervention. CISM is a peer-driven program with mental health professionals serving as a “back-up”. Each CAP Wing has a CISM team with a CIS Officer who reports to the Regional CIS Officer. Wings and Regions also report to the National CISM team and the National Team Leader, who is a licensed mental health provider and serves CAP as National CISM Clinical Director.

The goal of CAP CISM is to keep CAP members psychologically healthy and doing what they love doing--helping others. CISM is committed to assisting each CAP volunteer to be psychologically ready for various challenging life events and to return home psychologically safe after each mission.

CISM is an essential element of CAP activities. CAPR 60-5 6a states, “When an Incident Commander (IC) becomes aware of a potentially traumatic event, the IC should notify the wing or region CIS and the wing or region commander as appropriate as soon as possible. The wing or region commander is responsible for ensuring an effective notification and activation process.” Paragraph b continues, “During each mission operational period (at least once every 24 hours), a quick review of the need for critical incident stress intervention should be made for all personnel participating in the mission.”

To ensure team readiness, with each scheduled training event, the Incident Commander is encouraged to phone the Wing CISO and invite the team to participate, or at least to be on stand-by. The CISM team will observe participants to identify and assess acute stress and provide early interventions, making it less likely that CAP members will suffer from symptoms of long-term traumatic stress.

The NCWG CISM team is recruiting additional team members, who are committed to receiving the required ICISF training, staying current, and participating in missions.

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